GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

Will the MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the urban poverty rate has been declining in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the World Bank has suggested several measures to reduce urban poverty in the country;
(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
(e) the effective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
[SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO]

(a) & (b): As per the poverty estimates released by the erstwhile Planning Commission, the percentage of population below poverty line in urban areas has declined from 25.7 percent in 2004-05 to 13.7 percent in 2011-12.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation has not received any suggestion from the World Bank regarding urban poverty.

(e): The Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation had been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) since 1997 which has been restructured into National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) since September, 2013. It aims at organizing urban poor in Self-Help Groups, imparting skill training to urban poor for self and wage employment, helping them to set up self-employment ventures by providing credit at subsidized rate. In addition, shelters for urban homeless and infrastructure for street vendors can also be taken up under the Mission.
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